Contact: Officer Al Ballew Date: October 13, 2001 Release No. 01-136

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

On October 13, 2001, at approximately 5:58 p.m., an officer involved shooting occurred at 1719 Hays (SAPD Case 01-686900).

The preliminary investigation indicates that a patrol officer, while on routine patrol, recognized a suspect wanted on a felony warrant in the front yard of 1719 Hays. The officer stopped his vehicle and approached the suspect on foot. The suspect fled on foot into the house. The officer pursued the suspect and upon entering the house, the suspect, armed with two handguns, fired at the officer. The officer returned fire, wounding the suspect.

The officer involved is identified as 27 year old, Officer Jimmy Willingham. Officer Willingham is assigned to the East Service Area as a patrol officer. He has been on the department for two years.

The suspect, Danny Ray Simms, DOB 04/23/1983, was taken to BAMC in fair condition. He was found to be active on a felony warrant for narcotics possession. He will be charged with the warrant and Criminal Attempt to Commit Capital Murder.

As with any officer involved shooting, the officer involved will be placed on administrative duty pending outcome of the investigation.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE